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FOR THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PARM, NATO, MNUC

SUBJECT: ERW CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) USNATO 2923; (B) STATE 71465

1. BEGIN FYI. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FOR THE
BACKGROUND OF POSTS AND IS NOT REPEAT NOT FOR USE WITH
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ALLIES. THE DECISION TO DELAY ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON
ERW WAS MADE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE US GOVERNMENT
IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT AND POSSIBLY OTHER EUROPEAN LEADERS. THE ERW
DECISION IS A MOMENTOUS ONE, WITH LONG-TERM POLITICAL
CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ALLIANCE, AND THE US GOVERNMENT

WISHES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A CLEAR AND COMMON
UNDERSTANDING AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AMONG THE ALLIANCE
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE NECESSITY FOR SOLIDARITY
THROUGH THE LONG TERM ON THE COURSE THE ALLIANCE TAKES.
THESE PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT
TWO OR THREE DAYS. END FYI.

2. FOR LONDON: WE HAVE INFORMED CALLAGHAN THAT
THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO DISCUSS ERW WITH HIM
DURING HIS VISIT.

3. FOR BONN: REQUEST YOU ADVISE FRG THAT THE PRESIDENT
WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ON THIS
ISSUE IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. FOR THE HAGUE: IN VIEW OF THE HAGUE 1507, REQUEST
YOU EMPHASIZE TO GON OUR CONCERN ABOUT OFFICIAL
COMMENT TO PRESS ON CONFIDENTIAL NAC CONSULTATIONS.
EMBASSY SHOULD ADHERE TO PRESS GUIDANCE IN REF (B)
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

5. FOR ALL NATO POSTS: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO FOLLOW
UPON COMPLETION HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES REFERRED TO PARA ONE.

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